[Mr. C. A. Souter] [29th October 1935

" I may say that those ryots who are concerned in this area have been consulted in this matter and are perfectly aware of the conditions which will be imposed and in order to make the position of the Government safe, we propose as stated in pages 3 and 4 of the note to get the consent of the companies who are mainly concerned with these areas, before we actually start the work.

" Honestly, Sir, it is difficult for me to see what the reason for the cut motion really is. The necessary information has been given in the explanatory note and I am afraid I must oppose the motion."

The cut motion was by leave withdrawn.

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made.

[a] (2) GRANT XI—MINISTERS, CIVIL SECRETARIATS AND MISCELLANEOUS—TRANSFERRED.

* The Hon. Sir the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move—

> '*that the Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs.* 13,300 *under Grant XI—Ministers, Civil Secretariats and Miscellaneous—Transferred.*'

" This amount is required for meeting election expenses in panchayats. The usual practice is that the expenditure is, in the first instance, incurred by the Government and then recoverd from the panchayat boards concerned. In past years, the amounts recovered from these panchayats were being adjusted in abatement of the charges actually incurred and only the balance was being shown. The Accountant-General has brought it to the notice of the Government that such a procedure is objectionable according to the audit rules and suggested that the recoveries should be credited as receipts under the proper head. The Government accepted the suggestion. But by the time this order was issued, the current budget has already been framed and it was not possible to make the necessary changes then and there. It is merely a question of adjustment of accounts which has made it necessary to come up before this House for the sanction of this grant."

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" Notice of three cut motions in respect of this demand has been received. One deals with the general policy of conducting elections in non-panchayat areas, the second with the furnishing of electoral rolls at reduced cost and the third deals with the representation of depressed classes in non-panchayat areas. I think that, as the grant is mainly intended for making certain adjustments between the Government and the local bodies, the cut motions cannot usefully be discussed on this particular demand."

The demand was put and carried and the grant was made. e.

[a] Explanatory note printed as Appendix X on pages 120–121 infra.